

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

The Board is currently **accepting nominations for elders and deacons for the upcoming year**. These can



be submitted to any of the following current Elders – Johnny Pinner, Buddy Teel, Tom LaBarbera, Greg Spain, Dan Black or to Brother John.

We'd love for you to bring an **ornament to add to the Christmas Tree** in the foyer. Feel free to add a tag to help us remember the family and the year it was added.

Last Day to bring in your **Christmas Cards** to church for delivery to those in our church family. A huge SHOUT OUT of THANKS to the church's postal workers for all of their time and effort to sort & deliver our cards each Sunday. Spreading happiness, cheer and the Love of Jesus always adds to the Christmas season.

**A Special Thank You to Ms. Jewell Whitehurst** from the Choir, Worship Leaders & Cantata Singers. Without your guidance and leadership, we couldn't do what we do each & every Sunday. We thank you for your patience, endurance and again your guidance & leadership – Spreading the Word through music is such a special ministry & we thank you.

**A Special Thank You to the Sound Team** from Ms Jewell, the Choir, Worship Leaders & Cantata Singers – your commitment and dedication to making the music sound good is greatly appreciated. We thank you all for everything you do.

## SERVING SCHEDULES

### Sunday School & Worship- Nursery

12/21 **SS/Church:** Sheryl Scott, Wendy Tucker, Gray Elks  
12/28 **SS/Church:** Renee Spain, Allison Swart, Ty Woolard

### Communion Table

**Dec:** Johnny Pinner & Bill Staton  
**Jan:** A.J. Stancill & Tom LaBarbera

### Preparing Communion

**Dec:** Becky Ormond  
**Jan:** NEED VOLUNTEER

### Unlock & Secure the Building

**Dec:** Dewayne Woolard

**Jan:** NEED VOLUNTEER

### Opening

12/28 A.J. Stancill  
1/04

### Prayer

12/28 Brandon Jenkins  
1/04

### Communion Med

12/28 Eugene Hyde  
1/04

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**Organist:** Mary Coburn

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Eric Briley & Ian Garriss

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**For announcement videos,** please call/text Stephanie Mayo at  
919-427-1434 or contact Dewayne Woolard.

*To Jesus, The King On a Manger Throne*



## UPCOMING AT MPCC

### SUNDAY

9:30 AM Sunday School  
10:30 AM Worship Service  
5:00 PM Choir Practice  
5:00 PM Children's Services  
6:30 PM Evening Service

### MONDAY

7:00 PM Ladies Aid Meeting  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of each month)

### TUESDAY

10:00 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Board Meeting  
(2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month)

### WEDNESDAY

4:15 PM MS/HS Youth Group  
6:00 PM Worship Leader Practice  
7:00 PM Bible Study

**12/24 – Candlelight  
Service @ 7:00 pm**



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

### WELCOME TO OUR CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

*"Jesus Christ Is Born"* WL

#### PRAISE & WORSHIP

*"Light In The Stable"* Screen

*"Hark The Herald Angels Sing" (v 1 & 3)* Screen

#### Musical Offering

*"It's About The Cross"* WL

**Children's Moment** Jamie Swart

**Communion Meditation** A.J. Stancill

#### Communion Music

*"Holy Forever" (Christmas Version)* ALL

#### Communion

(if you wish to partake of the Lord's Supper, please hold emblems & take in unison)

**Prayer Requests** Tom LaBarbera

#### Musical Offering

*"Manger Throne"* WL

(Children in grades 5-5<sup>th</sup>, please follow Mrs. Stephanie to the Youth Room)

**Morning Message** **Isaiah 9:1-7** John Ormond

### *"The Struggle With A Promised Ruler"*

#### Hymn of Decision

*"O Little Town Of Bethlehem" (v 1 & 3)* Screen

#### \*Closing Prayer

**\*Closing Hymn** *"It's Christmas"* Screen

Depart to Serve \* Please Stand

Please remember to place your tithes & offerings in the plates as you enter or exit the service - Thank you - Have a blessed week!!

## SERMON

The Struggle With A Promised Ruler  
Isaiah 9:1 - 7

Thesis: Christ Didn't Come To Meet Man's Expectations.

I. The Savior Doesn't Exact Justice In Our Time Or Our Way.

- A. God's timing is often different than our own.
- B. God's priorities are different than ours too.

II. The Savior Doesn't Tell Only The Good Things About Us And Ignore Our Sin.

- A. Everything about life and our deeds is not good.
- B. Sin has to be dealt with.

III. The Savior Doesn't Shy Away From Statements That Seem Offensive.

- A. Truth isn't always warm and comfortable.
- B. Jesus wasn't always gentle in His presentation of truth.

Conclusion: I say to you Merry Christmas. Jesus didn't come special ordered by you. He was a special order from the Father for a specific task. And He does this task like no other could. Accept this gift and be numbered among the redeemed. He may offend you when you don't want to face the truth. He may confront us to truth we don't like. He may not do everything the way we like, but He's the only acceptable offering for sin we have.

# Sermon Notes

Date:

Speaker:

Message Title:

Passage:

Notes:

### Main Points:

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### Verses Used:

**PRAYER CONCERNS 12/21/25**

- 1 Family of Roy Lee Elks
- 2 Family of Neel Carson
- 3 Sharon Boggs – brain surgery
- 4 Lyndon Scott – heart surgery 1/22/26 @ Duke
- 5 Brandon Moore – heart monitoring
- 6 Gene Hyde – recovering from fall with cracked/broken ribs
- 7 Wesley Justis – can't use hand for 5 weeks
- 8 Charles Alexander – hospice at home
- 9 Lauren Swart – staph infection & pneumonia
- 10 Andy Eure – prostate cancer
- 11 Vicky Barnette – long recovery at Duke
- 12 Judy Johnson – after effects of covid
- 13 Laura Bradshaw –no feeling on rt side;breathing on her own
- 14 Johnny Pinner – waiting for surgeon's call/retina surgery
- 15 Angela Woodard – double mastectomy at Duke
- 16 Les Owens – spots on brain to be treated w/radiation
- 17 Carolyn Everett – hoping to return home soon
- 18 Mae Stancill – hospice
- 19 Jimmy Davenport – upcoming surgery in Norfolk
- 20 Mike Rees – hoping to keep cancer stable
- 21 Dewayne Liebrandt – prostate cancer
- 22 Anna House – breast cancer & spots on her brain
- 23 Susan Spain – treatment working; dealing with a rash
- 24 Linda Wallace – adjusting pain meds; possible surgery
- 25 Jeremy Moore – broke 2 legs
- 26 Donna Edward – mission trip
- 27 Frances Hathaway – health issues; awaiting test results
- 28 Ken Stallings –more scans; no cancer seen yet
- 29 Tristan Pinner – intense rehab
- 30 Jonathan Cooke – deployed to Poland
- 31 Ann Carraway – continuing chemo
- 32 Judy Henson – ICU – stroke
- 33 Darren Robbins – melanoma & has metastasized
- 34 Alice Manning – knee replacement
- 35 Kathy Shackaford – lung cancer
- 36 Peggy Elks – slowly improving/still in neck brace
- 37 Shannon Hines–waiting to be cleared to drive by neurologist
- 38 Velvet Harris – Hope Lodge
- 39 Steve Bryce – home from rehab – dementia

**PRAYER CONCERNS *continued***  
12/21/25

- 40 Karen Carpenter – liver & bone cancer
- 41 Jackie Carson – cancer, taking aggressive treatment
- 42 Adell Moye – stage 3 uterine cancer, starting chemo
- 43 Shannon Jones – having brain tumor removed at Duke
- 44 Eva McKinzey – scheduled to begin reconstruction surgery
- 45 Annelle West – breast cancer back; started radiation
- 46 Amy Moore – bronchitis

**LOVE & SUPPORT**

Jayne Mayhew	Carrie Elmore	Myrna Rogerson
Guy Smith	Andy McKinney	Dawn Johnson
Sarah Glasgow	Savanna Grace Bailey	Tina Nobles
Owen Robinson	Caleb Kittrell	Peggy Hoyst
Mike Hoyst	Bob Barbour	Raymond McKinzey
Jordan Schile	Greg Rhue	Patti Columbe
Wayne Harrell	Arley Shay Fulcher	

**On-Going Prayers For**

Our Church Leaders    Our Church Family    Our Youth Ministry  
Our Music Ministry    Our Country    Our Military Forces

**Please send any updates for prayer concerns to Debra Staton  
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**Thank you**



**POINSETTIAS**



**IN HONOR OF**

Chris Oakley  
Jonathan, Abby & Elizabeth  
Mema & Mama Sherrie  
Mimi, Mike, Nana & Papa  
Jewell Whitehurst  
The Worship Leaders  
Parents & Grandparents  
Annie Holder

**Given By**

Family  
Sherry & A.J. Stancill  
Eli, Charlie & Briley Scott  
Eli, Charlie & Briley Scott  
Debra Staton  
Debra Staton  
Eric, Monica, Dylan & Emma  
Family

**IN MEMORY OF**

Bennett/Gerrard  
Jerry & Lila McLawhorn  
Linwood McLawhorn,  
Denny Grimsley & Mike Grimsley  
Doug Oakley  
Claudia & Carl Scott  
Joe & Blannie Pinner,  
Elmo & Vick,  
Debra Pinner & Robbie Pinner  
Joe Teel Sr & Bebe Teel  
Pattie Fleming & Pat Warner  
Lucille & David Mayo, Sr.,  
David Mayo Jr & Susie Perdue  
Their Parents  
Louise & Russell Spain,  
Percy & Ray Lee Elks  
Carl & Claudia Scott,  
David & Shirley Gladson  
Grandparents  
Laura Jones

**Given By**

Jayne Bennett  
Family  
Family  
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Family  
Alexis Congleton  
Johnny & Myra Pinner  
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Buddy & Linda Teel  
Buddy & Linda Teel  
Mayo & Teel Family  
Mayo & Teel Family  
Sherry & AJ Stancill  
Family  
Family  
Sheryl & Steve Scott  
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Eric, Monica, Dylan & Emma Briley  
Bobby Jones, Amy/Brandon Moore,  
Andy, Courtney, Annabell &  
Emma Grace Martin  
Family  
Patsy Spain & Family

Allen Spain  
Milton Spain